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**TAYLORS INTERNATIONAL SERVICES LIMITED (Channel Islands) vs/ ESSO
EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION CHAD INC. (U.S.A.)**

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Dear Sirs,

The Secretariat informs you that the Court took the following decisions at its session of 14 January 2005. The Court:

1. Decided not to join Mr. H.N.A. "Sandy" Goodman as a party to this arbitration.
2. Decided not to join Mr. Shabbir Ali as a party to this arbitration.
3. Took the necessary steps for the appointment of a Sole Arbitrator.
4. Fixed the advance on costs at US\$ 130 000, subject to later readjustments.

Pursuant to Article 30(2) of the Rules and Article 1(4) of Appendix III, the advance on costs is fixed to cover the fees of the Sole Arbitrator, the out-of-pocket expenses, if any, and the ICC administrative expenses. In the present matter, the advance on costs has been fixed on the basis of the information available to the Court to date, and on an amount in dispute partially quantified at US\$ 6 500 000 (*i.e.*, US\$ 2 500 000 for the partially quantified principal claims and US\$ 4 000 000 for the partially quantified counterclaims).

Depending on the evolution of the matter, the Court may readjust the advance on costs at a later date.

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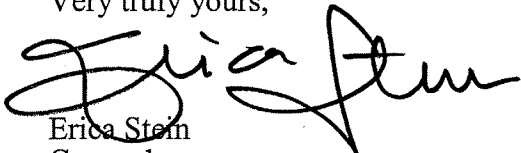
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In conformity with Article 30(3) of the Rules, the parties shall be invited to pay within 30 days from the day following the date of transmission of the file to the Sole Arbitrator, the advance on costs in the following manner:

Claimant: US\$ 40 000 (US\$ 65 000 less US\$ 25 000 already paid)
Respondent: US\$ 65 000

We remind the parties that, as the provisional advance has been fully paid, in accordance with Article 13 of the Rules, the file shall be transmitted to the Sole Arbitrator, once appointed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erica Stein', written in a cursive style.

Erica Stein
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ICC International Court of Arbitration